

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets contain formal drawings as requested by the Examiner. No additional changes have been made to the figures.

Attachments: 2 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8-13, 16, 18, 20-22, 25-29 are pending after entry of the present amendment. In the Office Action dated November 14, 2007 the Examiner took the following actions: (1) objected to the drawings; (2) rejected claims 1-4, 6-12, 15-18, and 22-24 as being anticipated by Don Pannell "Clause 22 Access to Clause 45 Registers" ("Pannell"); (3) rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Pannell in view of Nick Parlante "Pointers and Memory" ("Parlante"); (4) rejected claims 14, 19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Pannell in view of United States Patent No. 5,872,989 to Tsushima et al. ("Tsushima"); (5) rejected claims 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Pannell in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,587 to Webb et al. ("Webb"); and (6) objected to claims 5 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as being informal. Formal drawings are enclosed. Applicant submits the objection is now overcome.

The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in Claims 5 and 20. Applicant has amended claims 5 and 20 to place the claims in independent form and, therefore, in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claims 2-6, 8-13, 16, 18, 20-22, and 25 to depend from an allowable independent claim and place the dependent claims in condition for allowance as well.

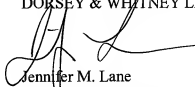
The amendments and claim cancellations were made to expedite the allowance of allowable subject matter. The amendments and cancellations, however, should not be interpreted as reflecting Applicants' belief that the subject matter of the unamended or cancelled claims is unpatentable, or that the Applicants have forfeited the subject matter of the unamended or cancelled claims. Moreover, Applicants have not addressed the merits of the Examiner's rejection of the claims, or whether the Examiner's characterizations of the cited references are accurate. Therefore, the presumption that Applicants have tacitly acknowledged the merit of the rejections or that the references cited by the Examiner are relevant to the patentability of the present invention should not be made.

The Examiner did not issue rejections of claims 26-29. Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 26-29 are also in condition for allowance.

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner can reach the undersigned at (206)903-8836 should a telephone conference be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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